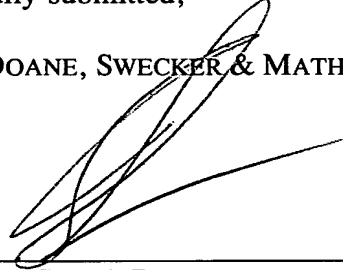


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**Mark-up of Claims 1-8**

1. (Amended) Process for the manufacture of adipic acid crystals from adipic acid obtained by crystallization, [characterized in that it consists in] comprising dispersing the adipic acid crystals collected on conclusion of crystallization in a liquid medium, [in] stirring [the] said liquid medium and [in then] separating [the] said crystals from [the] said liquid medium.
2. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the liquid medium is water or a water/acetic acid mixture.
3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1 [or 2], [characterized in that] wherein the temperature of the liquid medium is between 20°C and 70°C.
4. (Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the concentration by weight of adipic acid in the liquid medium is greater than or equal to 5%.
5. (Amended) Process according to Claim 4, [characterized in that] wherein the concentration by weight of adipic acid in the liquid medium is between 5% and 60%.
6. (Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the adipic acid crystals before dispersion have a mean size of between 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ .
7. (Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the crystals separated from the dispersion have a size of between 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1000 m.

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8. Process according to [one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the liquid medium is cooled before the separation of the treated crystals.